नहीं हुई है। हाल ही में इनके गलत ढंग से कार्य करने की कोई शिकायत प्राप्त नहीं हुई है। अल्प शक्ति ट्रांसमीटरों के गलत ढंग से कार्य करने की रिपोर्टों पर शीघ्र कार्रवाई की जाती है तथा कमियों को उचित रूप से ठीक किया जाता है।

(घ) और (ङ) जी, हां। 6 अल्प शक्ति ट्रांसमीटरों की शक्ति का उच्च शक्ति में उन्नयन करने की परिकल्पना है बशर्ते कि इस उद्देश्य के लिए संसाधन तथा अन्य आधारभूत ढांचा उपलब्ध हो। इतनी वृहत परियोजना के कार्यान्वयन में लगने वाला सामान्य समय अनुमानतः 3 वर्ष है तथा इसमें प्रत्येक के लिए अनुमानतः 10.00 करोड़ रुपये का व्यय अंतर्ग्रस्त है।

Number of AIR/DD employees in Gujarat

1007. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV SHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of employees working in different groups in All India Radio Stations and Doordarshan Centres in Gujarat and the number out of them belonging to SCs/STs;

(b) the number of reserved posts for SCs/STs lying vacant at these stations/centres; and

(c) by when these posts are likely to be filled up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Demand for hike in Advertisement Tariff by INS

1008. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that INS asked for 20 p.c. hike in advertisement tariff from DAVP ?

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) to (c) The INS has been demanding that the Government should accept the lowest commercial rates of the newspaper establishments for Government advertisements released through DAVP, pending which an *adhoc* increase of 50% in the DAVP rates be allowed in view of exorbitant increase in the prices of newsprint. The matter is under active consideration of the Government.

Registration of Cable Operators in Post Offices

1009. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have so far not designed any post office to register cable operators any where in the country;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to designate State-wise post offices to register the cable operators;

(d) if so, the State-wise details of the post offices; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Government have notified the Head Post Masters of the Head Post Offices in the country as the Registering Authority for registering cable operators, under clause (h) of Section 2 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Ordinance, 1994.

(c) to (e) The Department of of Posts have designated Head Post Offices to register cable operators circle-wise.

Numbers of Doordarshan Channels

1010. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of Doordarshan Channels at present ;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government propose ro raise the number of channels considerably; and

(c) what is the increased number of proposed and by when the target is likely to be achieved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) Thirteen, Sir. one channel, DD-3, is presently off the air.

(b) and (c) Doordarshan is exploring the possibility of using the digital compression technology as a Pilot Project to increase its channel capacity beyond its existing thirteen channel to sixty channels. No firm date can be indicated for accomplishing this task.

Foreign Media Entry

1011. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA :
SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what is the latest position about the proposal for the foreign media entry in the country ;

(b) whether it is a fact that in 1980 the Second Press Commission headed by Justice K.K. Mathew had considered and opposed such a proposal ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in June 1993, the Press Council stated that it does not favour publication of foreign newspapers/ journals in India involving equity of management participation ;

(d) whether the Chairman of the Press Councils of India, Justice R.S. Sarkaria has recently stated as reported in the 'Times of India' of September 7, 1994 that "The majority of Press Council members have vehemently opposed it, as they feel it is not right.";

(e) whether Government formally consulted the Press Council on this issue, if so, what is its advice in the matter ; and

(f) whether Government will suitably consider the views recommendations of the authorities referred to above on this issue before coming to a final decision ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) The Government continues to be guided by the policy decision of